

## Members Attend Annual Congress in Renton, WA (July 10-14, 2021)

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Members of the Louisiana SAR traveled to Renton, WA for the 131st Annual Congress. On Sunday, July 10th, Louisiana took 3rd place in the Oration Contest. On Monday, July 11th, Librarian General Tony L. Vets Sr was installed as a Minuteman, Class of 2020. Election for General Officers for 2021-2022 was held Tuesday afternoon. Former Secretary of Defense James T. Mattis was the guest speaker and was surprised with his induction as a member of the SAR from the podium. Election results were announced and Vets was elected as Registrar General.

## Annual Meeting Held in New Orleans (April 17, 2021)



The Louisiana SAR Color Guard kicked off the annual meeting with a wonderful procession of flags. State President Chris Achee was unable to attend the meeting so in keeping with our bylaws, 1st Vice President Tony L. "Bo" Vets II assumed the gavel and led the assembled group through the agenda. Each officer and chapter president

gave a report on their activities, followed by committee chairmen.



The presentation of the various youth awards is always a highlight of the annual meeting. Two of our youth winners were on hand to be recognized and receive their prize.

Eagle Scout Chairman Tom Jacks presented Jackson Cantrell the SAR Eagle Scout Trophy and a check for \$500 for being the state winner of the Arthur and Berdona King Eagle Scout Contest. Jackson was sponsored by the Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter.

Ed Chapman presented Cadet First Lieutenant Jerry Johns the Outstanding Cadet certificate and \$500 prize as state winner of the JROTC Enhanced Award. Johns was sponsored by the Attakapas Chapter.

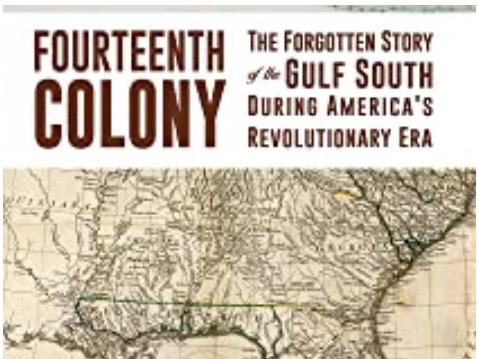
Jackson Howard was declared the winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. His video presentation will be forwarded to national in the event that the Annual Congress in Renton, WA is canceled due to COVID.

Ted Brode and Fred Hamilton presented the winning poster and brochure. Conner Washam was the state winner of the Elementary School Poster Contest, while Atta Carpenter took top prize in the Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest. Both were sponsored by the James Huey Chapter.



Social Hour brings friends new and old together. Pictured left to right are Jeff Nolen, R. Omar Casimire and Roger Vilere; Robert Hess, John Francois and Katherine Hess; Lianne Blanchard, Bradley Hayes and Rhonda Godwin.

Members and guest used the opportunity before the banquet and during intermission to view and bid on the many auction items put out by the Ladies Auxiliary.



Guest speaker for the Saturday night banquet was Mike Bunn who discussed highlights of his new book, Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South During America's Revolutionary Era.

The British colony of West Florida—which once stretched from the mighty Mississippi to the shallow bends of the Apalachicola and portions of what are now the states of

Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana—is the forgotten fourteenth colony of America's Revolutionary era. The colony's eventful years as a part of the British Empire form an important and compelling interlude in Gulf Coast history that has for too long been overlooked. For a host of reasons, including the fact that West Florida did not rebel against the British Government, the colony has long been dismissed as a loyal but inconsequential fringe outpost, if considered at all. But the colony's history showcases a tumultuous political scene featuring a halting attempt at instituting representative government; a host of bold and colorful characters; a compelling saga of struggle and perseverance in the pursuit of financial stability; and a dramatic series of battles on land and water which brought about the end of its days under the Union Jack.

After the presentation, VPG Michael Schenke called for the officers present come forward to be sworn in, and handed the gavel over to newly elected president James Schneider.



Bo Vets then placed the President medallion on Schneider, who laid out his vision for the Louisiana SAR in the coming year. Finally, Schneider called up Cheryl Morock to be sworn in as President of the LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Cheryl in turn reported that the Ladies Auxiliary was donating \$3,000 to the Louisiana SAR.

Pictured left to right are Bo Vets and James Schenide; James Schneider; Cherly Morock and James Schneider.

### Board Meeting Held in Covington (January 30, 2021)



2021 began with COVID-19 ending most SAR activities, but our business must go on. With social distancing in mind, and wanting maximum participation, President Achee held the winter meeting in Covington, LA, hosted by the PGR Chapter (President, George R. Clemenceau) on January 30th with Zoom participation available.

Mr Henry Motty received the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award (State Level). Mr Motty teaches history at Mandeville Junior High.

Past Chapter President Joel Whitehead received the Military Service Veterans Corps award and Brent Morock received the Liberty Medal with 2 OLCs for his volunteer service to NSSAR

### LASSAR Held Fall Meeting in Morgan City (September 12, 2020)

2020 was not a great year for our country, with COVID-19 ending most SAR activities. The Spring meeting of the Louisiana society did take place in Lake Charles, LA, hosted by the newly renamed South West Louisiana Chapter (Jeff Nolen, President). Then COVID.

A Zoom meeting was held in place of the in-person Annual Meeting that was scheduled for April 18th, 2020. VPG Bobby Joe Seales attended and after the reading of those men selected by the nominating committee, and hearing no other candidates proposed, those officers were elected and VPG Seales installed said officers.

With social distancing in mind, and wanting maximum participation, President Achee held the fall meeting at Morgan City, LA, hosted by the Atchafalaya Chapter (President, David Solar) on Sep 12th. This meeting had 19 in person, and 9 via Zoom.

After the invocation and pledges to the American Flag and the SAR, President Achee turned the podium over to Past President Bradely Hayes for some unfinished business that would have been handled had we met for the Annual Meeting. Hayes awarded David Solar for his work in organizing the Atchafalaya Chapter, and the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Jeff Nolen for taking the near defunct Oliver Pollock Chapter and reorganizing it as the new South West Louisiana Chapter. Both are up and growing.

Hayes then awarded the State Medal for Distinguished Service to Tony L. "Bo" Vets II. Hayes noted that Bo had served the Louisiana Society in many capacities, including Assistant Secretary, Secretary, State President, Alternate Trustee, and Trustee. Bo is member of several national committees and represents Louisiana well at national leadership and annual congresses, as well as other Southern District events.

Then, with the assistance of Secretary Bob Hess, Hayes placed the State President's neck ribbon on Achee, and handed over the gavel.

The meeting continued as normal with the reading of reports from chapters and committees, and concluded with presentation of awards that would have been presented at the 130th Congress in July. These included the Westmoreland Award for Tony L. Vets, Sr, Liberty Medals for Clifford Normand and Gerald Schroeder Jr and numerous streamers and certificates to the state.

The Atchafalaya Chapter had the privilege of inducting their newest member, Hugh Grimes Jr, at the meeting. Hugh and his father, Hugh Sr of the Mississippi Society, came in under a Lady Patriot, Elizabeth (maiden name unknown) Grimes. Both are working now on supplemental applications under Elizabeth's husband, also Hugh Grimes.

The Ladies Auxiliary was also on hand to carry out their business in support of the Louisiana SAR.



**Two Louisiana SAR Members Attend Congress in Costa Mesa, CA (July 2019)**



State President Bradley Hayes and State Secretary Tony L. Vets, accompanied by their wives, attended the 129th SAR Annual Congress in Costa Mesa, CA. Many members from the Southern District also attended. The congress concluded with the induction of new General Officers, including Librarian General Vets.

### **Louisiana SAR Annual Meeting in West Monroe (April 6, 2019)**



## Louisiana SAR Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge (April 21, 2018)



Cheryl Morock describes the activities going on with the Ladies Auxiliary

The Louisiana SAR, joined by friends from Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi SARs, held their annual meeting at the Belle of Baton Rouge. In addition to the normal reports given by officers and committee chairmen, the society recognized outstanding youth of Louisiana. JROTC, Orations, and Eagle Scout awardees were presented with a certificate and \$500 prize.

After the morning meeting, members and guest traveled to St. James for the grave marking of Jean Baptist Armant. Glenn Armand, 5th great grandnephew of the Patriot, gave a presentation of Armant's life, followed by the placing of wreaths.

At the banquet, VPG elect Colin Wakefield and Louisiana SAR President elect Ted Brode gave a presentation on uniforms of the revolutionary war era. Following the presentation and dinner, VPG Vets installed the newly elected officers.

## Louisiana SAR Holds Spring Meeting in Natchitoches (January 27, 2018)



The Louisiana SAR held their Spring Board of Directors Meeting at Merci Beaucoup in Natchitoches on January 27, 2018. In addition to the normal reports from the chapter presidents and committee chairmen, Bo Vets was presented the Patriot Grave Marking Medal by President Grace and state Graves Committee Chairman Steve Ray. The Ladies Auxiliary was present and Cheryl Morock told of plans for the April meeting. Chris Achee presented the General Philemon Thomas Chapter basket for the auction. President Grace then presented medals to members of the Ladies Auxiliary for their recruitment efforts.

#### **Fall Leadership Held At Historic Round Table Club in New Orleans (September 16, 2017)**



The Louisiana SAR held their Fall Board of Directors Meeting at the historic Round Table Club in New Orleans on September 16, 2017. After the normal reports from the chapter presidents, President Henry Grace asked Bo Vets to come forward make presentations of awards received in Knoxville, The Louisiana SAR received several streamers and certificates and members Greg Lindsley, Cliff Normand and Gerald Schroeder received Liberty Medals. During a break from the meeting, Bradley Hayes of the George Washington Chapter gave a tour of the historic club.

#### **Three Louisiana SAR Members Attend 127th Annual Congress In Knoxville, TN (July 7-13, 2017)**

Three members of the Louisiana SAR traveled from Central Louisiana to attend the 127th Annual Congress in Knoxville, TN. Former Vice President General James Morock and former State Presidents Tony L Vets and Tony L "Bo" Vets II attended the week long event. During the Wednesday morning meeting, Tony L. Vets was elected Vice President General by the Board of Trustees. He was installed in his position at the Installation Banquet that night. Also on Wednesday morning, Bo Vets was elected and installed as a National Trustee. All three attended both the President Generals Banquet on Tuesday night, as well as the Installation Banquet on Wednesday night.



### **Historic Hotel Bentley To Host Annual Meeting (April 7-8, 2017)**

The Hotel Bentley has been designated as the official hotel for the Louisiana SAR Annual Meeting. This historic hotel experienced visits during the WWII Louisiana Maneuvers by several military notables, including Major General George Patton, Lieutenant Colonel Omar Bradley, Colonel Dwight David Eisenhower, and Second Lieutenant Henry Kissinger. Various entertainers and Hollywood stars have been registered guests at the Bentley over the years, including John Wayne and Roy Rogers. After the business meeting on April 8th, the Enemund Meullon Chapter will host a Patriot Grave Marking in Rapides Cemetery for Benjamin Kitchen.



### **Fall 2016 Board of Directors Meeting**

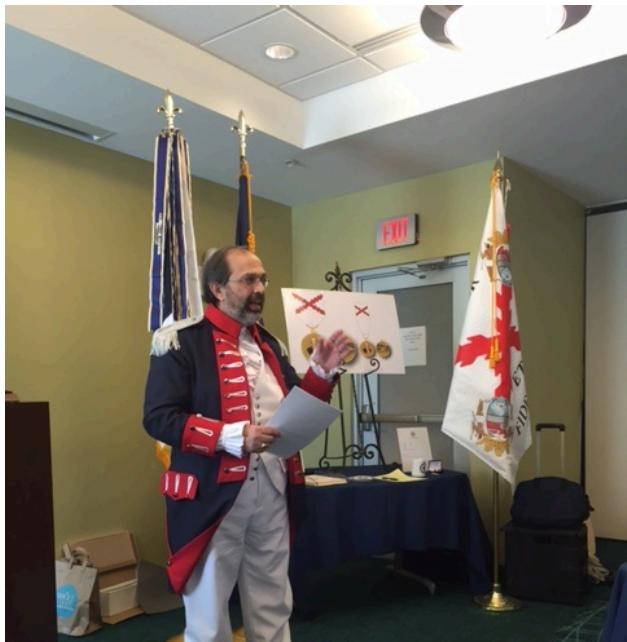


**State President Bo Vets Attends Louisiana National Guard Event (August 6, 2016)**



The Louisiana National Guard held their State Workshop at the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge, LA on August the 6th, 2016. President Vets was able to attend, passing out Louisiana SAR brochures and telling all who would listen about our great organization.

**Annual Meeting (April 23, 2016)**



LASSAR Board of Directors Meet in Monroe (January 30 2016)



Annual Meeting (April 25, 2015)



Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Alexandria (January 17, 2015)



The LASSAR Board of Directors met in Alexandria to report chapter activities and hear reports from the various committees of the SAR. Items that were of particular note is that the youth programs appear to be strong with several chapters reporting that they had entries for one or more of the programs.

George Washington Chapter President Norm Umholtz reported that Compatriot Richard Hellanus continues to make his outstanding veterans recognition plaques and that



the GW chapter had voted to make this an annual award to a deserving Compatriot Veteran. The first award was presented to Sandy McNeely, president of the Natchitoches Chapter.

The Board also heard a presentation from Cheryl Morock and Karen Vets about the formation of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the plans to again have a silent basket auction at the annual meeting. The ladies held an organizational meeting in a separate location.

## LASSAR Holds Fall Board of Directors Meeting in Lake Charles (September 13, 2014)



The spring meeting of the LASSAR Board of Directors was at the LaQuinta Inn in Lake Charles, LA. In addition to reports of the officers, committees, and chapters, awards that were presented to LASSAR and its members at the 124rd National Congress held in Greenville, SC were officially transferred to State President Bob Hess.

Pictured are Ted Brode and Bob Hess.

## LASSAR Hold Annual Meeting in West Monroe (April 11-12, 2014)



The Louisiana Society held their annual meeting in West Monroe, LA on April 12, 2014. The weekend kicked off with a reception on Friday evening at the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum in Monroe. The museum was named for General Claire Chennault, commander of the Flying Tigers, and is located near the site of Selman Field Arm-Air Force navigation School. After refreshments, LASSAR members and guests were treated to a presentation by the museum staff and a tour of the museum and heard from WWII veteran John McCarter who served at Selman Field. All were proud to view the display in honor of Galvez Chapter member Tom Williams, who served during the Vietnam War as well as the new exhibit featuring the compatriots of the Oliver Pollock Chapter and their Avenue of Flags held every year during Memorial Day and the presentation flag of Private Al Daniel Baggett (S#38390691) of the 517th Parachute Infantry, 13th Airborne, and a WWII veteran killed in action in Operation Dragoon during the invasion of Southern France that began on August 15, 1944. Private Baggett died on September 12, 1944 and is buried in the permanent cemetery in Draguignan, France in plot B 7 14. Private Baggett's flag was recovered by LASSAR President Steve Ray who found it being sold in a yard sale. With the permission and blessing of the owner, Ray was allowed to take the flag to Chapter President Jerry Haynes to be flown at the "Avenue of Flags" in the Orange Grove-Graceland Cemetery on East Broad Street in Lake Charles, LA. On May 27, 2013 after the Memorial Day ceremony, it was picked up by Ray and members of the LASSAR Color Guard to be taken and displayed at the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum.

Saturday the meeting kicked off with a presentation by NSSAR Genealogist General Larry Cornwell, who discussed ways to grow membership. Southern District Vice President General Dr. James A. Morock gave his report on the status of the Southern District and his introduction of our incoming VPG Rick Hollis of Tennessee. Attakapas member John Francois displayed a flag that was presented to LASSAR during the "twinning" with NSSAR's France Society. He suggested that it be reboxed and displayed at all LASSAR annual meetings.

After the normal chapter reports, committee reports were given. This included the Eagle Scout Committee and presentation of the Eagle Scout Award to Thomas Vogel of Lake Charles. The Knight Essay medal was awarded to Henry Wiyugul of Dublach, LA for his essay on James Madison. Members were treated to two outstanding orations for the Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. The 2014 winner is Mary Francis Johnson. Finally, the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest was held and Zach Moller was judged the winner. LASSAR wishes all four well in the upcoming national completion in Greenville, SC.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members and guests attended Patriot Grave Markings, Jean Baptiste Fihol and Benjamin Tennille. See the Patriot Grave Markings tab for more details.

The LASSAR Banquet was held that evening beginning with greetings from ALSSAR President Bobby Joe Seals, TNSSAR President Claude Hardison and LSDAR Regent Sue Simpson. Genealogist General Larry Cornwell and his wife Leann gave their performance "We are General and Mrs Richard Montgomery".

After this wonderful performance, President Stephen Ray presented several awards for service to LASSAR. Meritorious Service Medals were presented to John Francois, Charles "Sandy" McNeely, Norman Umholtz, Fred Hamilton, and Ted Brode. Karen Brevelle Vets, Frieda Jones Hamilton, and Lydia Normand were presented the Martha Washington Medal, the highest medal the SAR can present to a DAR member. Jean Huenfeld was awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation. Clifford Normand was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Fred Huenefeld was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and Thomas N. Williams was awarded the Patriot Medal.

VPG Morock then called forward the new officers for induction and passed the gavel to Robert G. Hess, the 85th president of the Louisiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

At the conclusion of the banquet the winners of the first annual silent auction were announced. Proceeds from the auction go towards our youth programs.

## **LASSAR Board of Directors Meet in Lafayette (January 11, 2014)**



## Fall Board of Directors Meeting held in Baton Rouge (September 21, 2013)



The fall meeting of the LASSAR Board of Directors was held in the auditorium of the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge. In addition to reports of the officers, committees, and chapters, awards that were presented to LASSAR and its members at the 123rd National Congress held in Kansas City were officially transferred to State President Stephen Ray.

Pictured are Steve Ray, Bob Hess, John Johnson, John Francois, Henry Grace, Jerry Haynes, and Clifford Normand.

## Two Delegates Sent To Congress (July 8-11, 2013)

The Louisiana Society sent two delegates to the 123rd National Congress held in Kansas City, Missouri. Mary Francis Johnson presented her outstanding oration, which many of us heard in Natchitoches, on Sunday. Although she did not place in the top three, Louisiana can be proud of our orator.

On Monday night LASSAR picked up several state awards, namely the CAR Activities Award, the Officers Attendance Award, the Furlong Memorial Award, and the USS Stark Memorial Award. Five members earned the Liberty Medal: John Francois, Henry Grace Sr, Jerry Haynes, Clifford Normand Jr, and Tom Williams. Bob Hess was selected by the Eagle Scout Committee to receive the prestigious Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award.



Of special importance to Louisiana, this congress saw the formal election of Dr. James A. Morock as Vice President General of the Southern District. At the Induction Banquet on Wednesday night, the newly elected VPG, escorted by his wife Cheryl, was introduced to the attendees, and took his seat at the head table.

Newly installed President General Joseph W. Dooley used his incoming speech to outline his goals for the next year.

## Natchitoches Chapter hosts Louisiana Society Annual Meeting (April 6, 2013)

The Natchitoches Chapter hosted compatriots and guests to the LASSAR State Convention, April 5th – 6th at the The Landing Restaurant, Natchitoches, LA.

LASSAR was honored to have Vice President General John Taylor, ALSSAR President Marvin Vickers, and past TNSSAR President Charles Dammann in attendance.

At the morning meeting, the society heard two outstanding orations with judges narrowly deciding that Mary Frances Johnson winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest (State Level). Alexandre Harrison Buck was selected as the LASSAR Eagle Scout of the year. Warren Presley won the LASSAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. Alexa Babin, State Level winner of the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, was unable to attend. All of these awardees will now compete at the NSSAR's 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas City, MO in July.

At the banquet, Dr. James MacDonald told the assembled members of the events leading to the revolution.



After the morning meeting, members went to American Cemetery where they laid a wreath at the grave of Col William Houston Jack. The graves of seven patriots were marked with Betsy Ross flags so that members could pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of these brave men.



## State President And Trustee Attend ALSSAR Annual Meeting (February 22-23, 2013)

LASSAR Trustee and VPG elect James A. Morock Sr, M.D. and State President Tony L. Vets attended the Southern District Breakfast and Alabama Society Annual Convention held in Birmingham, AL.

Pictured l-r: Charles Dammann (TNSSAR), Tony L. Vets (LASSAR), VPG John Taylor, Gerry Brent (MSSSAR), and C. W. Posey, Jr (ALSSAR)



## Board of Directors Meet; Elect Morock As Southern District VPG Candidate (January 19, 2013)



Dr. James A. Morock Sr was elected by acclamation by the member of the LASSAR Board of Directors at their spring 2013 meeting held in Metairie, LA. Dr. Morock has been a member of the Louisiana Society since June 1983 and is a charter member of the Enemund Meuillion Chapter. He has served as Chapter President and Vice-President, and as LASSAR Assistant Secretary, Secretary, President, Alternate Trustee, and currently as Trustee.

At the same meeting, J. Henry Grace was presented his life membership certificate in the Louisiana Society. Grace has been a member of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter since March 1994 and became a both a national and state life member in December 2012.

Pictured L-R: J. Henry Grace and State President Tony L. Vets

## LASSAR Officers attend National Fall Leadership Conference (September 27-29, 2012)

Past State President James A. Morock Sr, MD, State President Tony L. Vets, and 1st Vice President Tom Williams attended the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. The leadership conferences are open to all members and the place where standing national committees meet to discuss issues of importance to the Sons of the American Revolution. Morock is Trustee for the Louisiana Society and is a member of the Council of State Presidents. Vets serves on the DAR Liaison Committee, Patriot Index and Graves Committee, Veterans Committee, and is Alternate Trustee. He is also a member of the Council of State Presidents and is an alternate on that committee's Nominating Committee. Williams serves on the Merchandise Committee. All three members attended numerous committee meetings to ensure that LASSAR will be current on those issues that may be of importance to our members.

Pictured are Tom Williams, President General Stephen A. Leishman, Jim Morock, and Tony L. Vets.



## Fall Board of Directors Meeting held in Baton Rouge (September 22, 2012)



The fall meeting of the LASSAR Board of Directors was held in the auditorium of the Louisiana State Archives building in Baton Rouge. 19 board members were present as well as 10 LASSAR members not currently serving on the board, including former Vice President Generals George Reech and Ed Cailleteau. The board was also honored to have LCDR Michael Henderson, USN (Ret), President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, GASSAR who was in Louisiana doing further research on his family. LCDR Henderson spoke to the board on his research into the Galvez soldiers, including the free people of color who both served with or gave material aide to the cause. At this meeting, Ted Grant was elected LASSAR Treasurer to fill the remaining term of Don Deville who passed away in August. Stephen Ray was presented the Liberty Medal and Bill Allerton was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his outstanding service to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Pictured are Bill Allerton, Michael Henderson, and Tony L. Vets.

## Commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution (September 15, 2012)

Seven members of the Louisiana Society joined members of various other Historical and Patriotic societies in honoring the memory of Benjamin Franklin and all the Signer of the Constitution in a Wreath-laying Ceremony in Lafayette Square, New Orleans. The event kicked off with a procession of State Leaders carrying their Society flags to the base of the Franklin Statue. Greetings was given by the Honorable Jacquelyn Clarkson, Vice President of the New Orleans City Council, with the Honorable James Dennis, Judge on the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals telling of the writing of the Constitution and its practical implications today. Wreaths were then presented by

each society. This event was organized and hosted by the Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America. Pictured are Tom Jacks, Colin Jacks, Tony Vets, John Grout, Rennie Culver, Bill Allerton, and Ed Cailleteau (photo by John Ballance)



## LASSAR Delegates to the 122nd National Congress (July 8-12, 2012)



Three delegates traveled to Phoenix to attend the 122nd National Congress. While there, they had the opportunity to hear Cassidy Menard give her outstanding oration again against 13 other contestants. The Americanism poster contest entry by Kourtney Emanus was on display along with 17 posters from other elementary school children from around the US. Knight Essay (Alliciyia George), Eagle Scout (Kevin Ross Kurten) and History Teacher (Ms. Betty Jo Harris) were all judged prior to the Congress and did not reach the finals. Although none of our youth award contestants won, Louisiana is right to be proud of each and every entry.

LASSAR did receive the C.A.R. Activity Award for documenting their work with the CAR over the past year, as well as the Officer's Attendance Award, given to State Societies whose President and National Trustee have attended both preceding Leadership Meetings as well as the last Annual Congress. Donald Park received the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award, and Stephen Ray and Tony Vets both received the Liberty Medal.

## Presentation of Resolution Commemorating U.S. Constitutions 225th (May 29, 2012)

State President Tony L. Vets, Color Guardsmen Ted Brode and Jim Miller joined LSDAR Regent Bonnie Cook at the State Capitol to accept the Joint Resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Following the presentation of the resolution, Vets presented both Rep. Nick Lorusso and Sen. Conrad Appel with plaques as a token of appreciation for shepherding this important measure through the legislative process.

Pictured: Tony L. Vets, Sen Appel, Ted Brode, Rep Lorusso, Jim Miller, and Bonnie Cook.



## Memorial Day Celebration at Alexandria VA Cemetery (May 28, 2012)



State President Tony L. Vets and his wife Karen joined eight other organizations in laying a wreath on the grounds of the Alexandria National Cemetery. Over 7,000 veterans and family members are interred on the grounds. This cemetery was established in 1867 as a national cemetery for deceased Union soldiers who died in the region. Bodies were removed from the surrounding towns such as Mount Pleasant, Cheneyville and Yellow Bayou and reinterred in Alexandria. Later, remains from Fort Brown, Texas, were reinterred at the national cemetery when the fort was no longer deemed necessary. Alexandria (LA) National Cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

## Members participate in Natchitoches' Louisiana Bicentennial Celebration (May 19, 2012)

Natchitoches Chapter President Sandy McNeely and State President Tony L. Vets joined St. Denis Chapter Regent and Bicentennial Coordinator Dr. Colleen Lancaster at the riverfront for a short program commemorating the 200th anniversary of Louisiana's statehood. The event opened with an invocation by Fr. Ryan Humphreys, followed by greetings from City Council member Jack McCain. Dr. Christopher Gillian served as Master of Ceremonies.

The Northwestern State University ROTC lowered the French flag, and then raised the US Flag of 1812. After the ceremony, they again lowered the flag and raised the United States flag and the Louisiana state flag.



## Louisiana Society Annual Meeting held in Alexandria (April 21, 2012)

The Enemund Meuillion Chapter hosted compatriots and guests to the LASSAR State Convention, April 20th – 21st at the Parc England Hotel and Bistro on the Bayou on the former England Air Force Base in Alexandria, LA.

LASSAR was honored to have Vice President General James Maples, VPG Elect John Taylor, past VPG John Wallace, MSSAR President Gerry Brent and Secretary Charles Garrison, TNSSAR President Charles Dammann, Color Guard Commander James Stone, and Trustee Rick Hollis attend.

At the morning meeting, the society heard a stirring oration from Cassidy Michelle Menard, winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest (State Level), as well as a reading of the winning essay from Alliciyia George, State Level winner of the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. Kevin Ross Kurten was selected



as the LASSAR Eagle Scout of the year. Ms. Betty Jo Harris won the state competition for the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. Kourtney Noelle Emanus won the LASSAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. This years topic was "The Battle of Guilford's Courthouse". All of these awardees will now compete at the NSSAR's 122nd Annual Congress in Phoenix, AZ in July.

Members were also recognized for their work in the society. Fred Huenefeld was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and his wife Elizabeth was awarded the Martha Washington Medal. At the banquet, Clifford Normand was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his extraordinary service as State Registrar as well as his continuing efforts to inform the public of Galvez and his Spanish troops. John Trigg Wood Jr was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his past years of service as State Registrar, and Leonard Rohrbough was awarded the Patriot Medal. Past State President Donald T. Rigler was presented a crystal plaque in honor of his decades of service to LASSAR.



## Attakapas Chapter co-hosts annual ball (Mar 10, 2012)



The Attakapas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and the Galvez Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held this year's annual ball March 10 in the Petroleum Club of Lafayette.

Fifteen young men and women comprised the list of those honored at the gala, titled "The Bicentennial of Louisiana." The March 10 extravaganza included oratory on "Bicentennial Louisiana Statehood" via Dr. Benton de la Houssaye; an introduction of Pat Snyder, Galvez Chapter Regent; The Rev. Kenneth Domingue, SAR President; Bobbie de la Houssaye, Marshall; Archibald Hill IV, ball chairman; Catherine Mestayer, choreographer; Dudly Lastrapes, emcee; Tyson Cromwell, ball captain; Alvin Bethard, invocation; and John Francois, head of the escort committee.

Patriots and debutante participants were:

Benjamin Laurence Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Anderson Cole. His patriotic ancestor is Benjamin Barton.

Andre' Darbonne, son of Stephen Wayne Darbonne and Barbara Conner. His ancestor is Patriot John Wheat of Wilkes County, Ga.

Logan Blasé Dupre', son of Ann Watson and Anthony Dupre', His revolutionary ancestor is Patriot Matthew Harvey I of New Hampshire.

Anna Adair Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Henry Fleming. Her patriotic ancestor is Charles Comeaux of the Opelousas Militia.

Eleanor (Inez) Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hill IV. Her revolutionary ancestors are Col. William Purviance of Wilmington, N.C., and Col. James Walker of Virginia.

Darby Bennett Kelley is the son of Jessica Louise Nolan Kelley and Mike Kelley. His revolutionary ancestor is Patrick Firmin Breaux of Louisiana.

Catherine Janice Klara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klara Jr. Her revolutionary ancestor is Joseph Rainbolt of Cape Fear, N.C.

Megan Michelle LeMaire is the daughter of Jeremy Blake LeMaire of Lafayette and Angelique Viator. Her revolutionary ancestor is Evan Harvey, soldier of the 96th district militia in South Carolina and Georgia.

William Griffin Matis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rick Matis. His revolutionary ancestor is Pvt. Edward Mobly of Fairfield District in South Carolina.

Casady St. Julien McEvoy is the son of Kevin McEvoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Mangion. His patriotic ancestor is Firmin Breaux of Louisiana.

Margaret Michael Moss, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Moss. Her revolutionary ancestor is William Steen of South Carolina.

Kaitlyn Claire O'Brien, daughter of Michael S. O'Brien and Jane O'Brien. Her revolutionary ancestors are St. Denis DeBlanc and Louis Charles DeBlanc of Louisiana.

Annalise Lemoine Saucier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter A. Saucier. Her patriotic ancestor is Amand Broussard, Attakapas Militia.

Caroline Elizabeth Schoeffler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Paul Schoeffler of Lafayette. Her ancestor is Sgt. Edmund Newman of Virginia.

Sarah Katherine Wood, daughter of Michael Wood and Julie Ellison. Her Revolutionary ancestor is Amanda Broussard.

## LASSAR Officers attend National Spring Leadership Conference (Mar 1-3, 2012)



Past State President and current International Society President Bill Allerton, as well as State President James A. Morock Sr, MD and Secretary Tony L. Vets attended the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville. The leadership conferences are open to all members and the place where standing national committees meet to discuss issues of importance to the Sons of the American Revolution. Allerton is a member of the Eagle Scout Committee, Government Relations Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and SAR Foundation Planning Board. Morock serves on the Nominating Committee and is Trustee for the Louisiana Society. Vets serves on the DAR Liaison Committee, Patriot Index and Graves Committee, Veterans Committee, and is Alternate Trustee.

## State Officers attend Southern District / ALSSAR Meeting (Feb 25, 2012)



State President James A. Morock Sr, M.D. and Secretary Tony L. Vets attended the Southern District Breakfast and Alabama Society Annual Convention held in Huntsville, AL. John Taylor of Mississippi was elected as the Southern District Vice President General for 2012-2013 and will be installed at the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ in July.

Shown at left are Morock, VPG Jim Maples (2011-2012), Vets, and VPG Elect John Taylor.

## General Philemon Thomas Chapter hosts Wreath Laying (Feb 22, 2012)



The Sons of the American Revolution, The Daughters of the American Revolution, and The Children of the American Revolution invite you to a George Washington Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the George Washington Bust on the Louisiana State Capitol Arsenal Grounds, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012